



Traffic Services Section Michigan State Police Field Update #10

Providing Traffic Related Information and Services to Michigan Law Enforcement

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Changes to the Uniform Law Citation

Both the Uniform Law Citation and Commercial Law Citation have recently been updated effective January 1, 2006. Agencies may continue to use the current stock until depleted. Law enforcement agencies must order the new revision when ordering citations, and should contact their vendors to ensure that the correct revision (Rev. 06/05) is used. For more information please refer to our [Uniform Law Citation](#) webpage.

Commercial Vehicle Crash Reporting

The federal government requires states to report data on truck/bus crashes for data analysis and grant funding. Proper completion of the truck/bus section of the UD-10 will help ensure Michigan's compliance. Any commercial vehicle used by a business with either an actual weight or gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 pounds must be reported. Additionally, federal guidelines require that a van with a manufacturer's rated seated capacity of nine or more people must be reported as a "bus" if used by a business even though it may not otherwise qualify as a bus under Michigan law.

It is important to properly identify the motor carrier (the trucking company or business) on the UD-10. The identification on the door is not always the carrier. Check the bill of lading or the driver's log book. If unsure, ask the driver who is responsible for the load or who is paying the bills. A broker or freight forwarder is not the carrier. Contact an [MSP Motor Carrier](#) Officer if you need assistance.

UD-10 Purchasing System Information

The [Criminal Justice Information Center](#), Traffic Crash Reporting Unit (TCRU) has a new website that will allow an involved party or an insurance agent to [purchase a crash report](#). The cost is \$10.00 with \$3.00 being returned to the policing agency and the remaining funds retained for future enhancements to the Traffic Crash Reporting System. When an agency begins submission of electronic crash data, the revenue share is increased to \$5.50. A card explaining how to retrieve a report through the internet can be given to an involved party at the scene of the crash and can be obtained for free from the TCRU. Please contact Jamie Mathews at (517) 322-1150 to receive a supply of cards or direct questions to Sydney Smith at (517) 322-1188.

Railroad Grade Crossing Crash Investigation Training

Michigan Operation Lifesaver is sponsoring two sessions of the Grade Crossing Collision Investigation course in December. This course is designed to enhance the investigative skills of law enforcement officers responding to rail/highway grade crossing crashes and other railroad incidents. The first course will be held December 7-8, 2005, at the Multisports Complex in Monroe. The second course will be December 13-14, 2005, at the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. Enrollment is limited to 20 officers for each session. The course is MCOLES certified. There is no fee to attend. Contact Michigan Operation Lifesaver at (800) 759-9012 for information or fax reservations requests for officer enrollment (name/department) to (517) 318-0527. The sessions will provide a hands-on field exercise at a rail facility and a locomotive ride that includes an overview of the "Officer on the Train" enforcement program.

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